

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CENTRAL COORDINATION OF DATA
TRANSMISSION BETWEEN A TRANSMITTING AND A RECEIVING
NETWORK ELEMENT

Abstract

Terminals and applications which communicate with one another need to agree on a common protocol and data interchange format. Conversion functions are now offered as a separate service for widely differing formats and protocols in the network. Applications no longer need to support every standard, but can use the appropriate conversion service when required. A central entity is introduced in which the available converters register with this entity and store information about the protocols/formats which they can convert to one another. The central entity manages this information and makes it accessible to applications and terminals.